



PCS Pulse



September 1, 2024

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". 1 Thess. 5:16-18



We are Thankful!

We have **76** students enrolled at Plattsville Christian School this Fall (11 new families)!

We are excited to see all that God has in store for the coming months!



- 3** First Day of School
- 4** First Day of School for 3-day Kindergarten class
- 4** Welcome Back Chapel (9 am)
- 5** Family/Staff Potluck (5:30-7pm)
- 11** Chips for sale at recess - can be purchased for 75 cents
- 18** Chips for sale at recess
- 19** Parent/Membership Meeting (7 pm)
- 25** Chips for sale at recess
- 27** Soccer Tournament (Gr.5-8) in Brantford

Welcome To PCS

We are excited to welcome all of our returning students back to PCS. We are also thrilled to welcome 19 new students joining us for the coming school year!

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| Uriah (JK) | Sophie (SK) | Harnoor (7) |
| Lydia (JK) | Galia (1) | Shane (7) |
| Zachary (JK) | Ava (4) | Lucas (7) |
| Lizzie (JK) | Kirsten (4) | Leah (8) |
| Eleanor (JK) | Madeline (6) | Nathanael (8) |
| Asher (JK) | Ella (6) | |
| Ophelia (JK) | Aikamjit (7) | |



- WELCOME -

BACK TO SCHOOL

Meet the PCS Staff

All of our staff have been hard at work getting the classrooms ready and can hardly wait to start the new school year at PCS! We are so excited to share how God has blessed us with some wonderful new staff members this school year!

- Mrs. Drews (JK/SK)
- Mrs. Plato (JK/SK)
- Mrs. Hoffman (Gr. 1/2)
- Miss Kennedy (Gr. 3/4)
- Mr. Boronka (Gr. 5/6)
- Ms. Fischer (Gr. 7/8)
- Mrs. Gadsby (French)
- Mrs. Valenta (Principal & Music)
- Mrs. Leeder (EA)
- Mrs. Mogk (EA)
- Mrs. Luloff (Custodian)



Happy September Birthdays

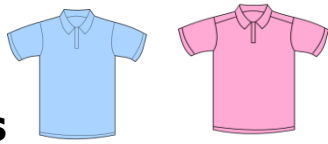
- 1** Ryan
- 7** Mrs. Leeder
- 12** Mrs. Drews
- 16** Abram
- 22** Lizzie
- 23** Allie
- 25** Amelia
- 27** Jude
- 30** Isaiah E.



School Supplies

Please make sure that your child brings all of their school supplies with them on the first day of school. For your convenience, see the PCS School Supply List (e-mailed in July & attached again to this email) to see what is needed for each grade.





Uniforms

There are lots of sales right now so it's a great opportunity to pick up some new uniform clothing!

Also remember to investigate McCarthy Uniforms Blue and White website or retail store.

Just a reminder that all students need both a pair of indoor running shoes and outdoor running shoes.

Volunteers Wanted!

PCS would be lost without our wonderful volunteers who help with such things as hot lunch, reading with students, lunch clubs, school events, library organization and SO much more. We encourage you to get involved as a volunteer here. There are several requirements to do this that take a bit of time – if you are interested in getting involved in this great ministry, please talk with Mrs. Valenta or email the school office and a volunteer package will be sent home with your child.

PCS Protection Plan

Every current volunteer will need to do a refresher course in our updated Protection Plan (please note that this is no longer "Plan to Protect") to be able to continue volunteering. Mrs. Valenta will set up several training dates and send this out in an email. You are only required to complete one of these sessions. Please sign up for a time that is convenient for you (note the course is approx. 1 hour long for both old and new volunteers).

New volunteers must complete a volunteer package. All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Police Check.

We love
OUR
Volunteers

Family/Staff Potluck – Sept. 5

Please plan to join us for our Family Potluck and Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 5 (5:30-7:00 pm).

The evening will start at 5:30 pm with a quick opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s). At 6 pm, we will gather to share a potluck meal. Please bring a main course and either a salad or dessert to share. Please do not bring anything containing tree nuts as we have students with life-threatening allergies. This is simply a time for families to get to know each other as well as meet with our teachers. We will NOT be having a meeting after the potluck this year.

Parent/Members Meeting – Sept. 19

We will be having a parent/membership meeting two weeks later on Thursday, September 19 at 7 pm. This meeting is not for children to attend. We are hoping to have at least one parent from every family represented at this meeting. Mrs. Valenta will share some updates and exciting information about the school year ahead and how to become a volunteer for various school activities. As well, the Fundraising committee will present opportunities to volunteer for some of the fun, creative fundraising options available for the coming school year. Jen Luloff will also explain how buying gas and groceries can help raise money through our Gift Card program. We will then hear about our annual financial report, vote for any nominated board members and hear any updates from our PCS Board. Parents will have a chance to ask raise any questions or concerns. If you would like to nominate a new board member, please send nominations to Mrs. Mary Otto: pcsboardchair@plattsvillechristianschool.com.

CAASO Sports Tournaments

Permission forms will be coming home mid-September for some of our grade 6-8 students to attend the soccer tournament in Brantford on Friday, September 27.

Other confirmed tournaments for the fall include: Tuesday, November 19 - Volleyball Tournament (team from grades 6-8) in Burlington



New Gym Clothes/Used Uniforms

We will be setting up a table with some used uniforms and new gym shirts at the parent potluck on September 5. If you have items to donate, you can bring them with you to either the family potluck or the parent/membership meeting.

Please note that students in grades 5-8 require a school gym shirt. These are \$17/youth sizes and \$18/adult sizes. You may purchase them either at one of the parent events or directly from the school office. If we do not have the size you need, we can place an order for you.



Hot Lunch

We would like to continue to offer Hot Lunch at PCS this year! More info will be sent out shortly from our hot lunch committee.

We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing, serving and cleaning up on Hot Lunch and pizza days (please note that this is not required for every week). If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mrs. Valenta at the school office.



Gift Cards

Participating in our Gift Card Fundraising is a simple and very effective way to help raise your fundraising goals. Since we all go shopping, buy gas and groceries, purchasing gift cards through PCS is an easy way for our school to earn free money (money that you would be spending anyway!). Thanks again to Jennifer Luloff for continuing to co-ordinate our gift card fundraiser. If you would like to purchase any gift cards, please complete the order form that will be sent home in early September. You can also contact:

giftcards@plattsvillechristianschool.com

Daily School Schedule

Here's a reminder of our school timetable. Please arrive and pick-up on time.

- 8:15-8:25 a.m. – Outdoor Supervision
- 8:25 a.m. – School Begins
- 10:20 a.m. – Snack Recess
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 12:25 p.m. – Lunch Recess
- 3:00 p.m. – Dismissal
- 3:00-3:10 p.m. – Outdoor Supervision

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Parking Lot – Drop Off/Pick Up

Because we have grown in numbers this fall, the parking lot will be busier than ever. We will be trying a new system for pick-up this year. Parents with any children requiring a car seat should use the parking lot. Please park and come up to the school doors to pick-up your children. Parents whose children no longer require car/booster seats can pick-up their children on Ann Street. This is for quick pick-up only. Parents should remain in their vehicle and wait for their children to come out. If you need to leave your vehicle, you should park in the lower parking lot.

For both drop off and pickup, please **enter** from Fennel Street and **exit** on Albert Street. Please do not allow your children to run around the parking lot after school. Once they come to you, they should stay in the vehicle. The upper parking lot is off limits at drop off and pick up. Once the pylons have been removed by the staff, you can choose to go with your child to play in the playground at that time, if you wish to stay after school. Please wait in your car until that time.